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Update to the National Council for Prescription Drug Program (NCPDP) Batch Standard 1.1 Billing Request Companion Document

Note: This article was revised to contain Web addresses that conform to the new CMS web site and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

Durable medical equipment providers, billing agents, or clearinghouses that submit retail pharmacy drug claims electronically to Medicare Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs).

Provider Action Needed

Providers need to be aware that Medicare will only accept a value of "1" in field number 337-4C (Coordination of Benefits/Other Payments Count) of the NCPDP Companion Document.

Previously the Coordination of Benefits/Other Payments Count field accepted a value of 1-3. Medicare will only accept one primary payer and will reject claims with any value in field 337-4C other than "1." In addition, please note the following changes:

- For Data Element 412-DC (Dispensing fee Submitted), CMS has added codes G0369, G0370, G0371, and G0374 to the NCPDP Companion document along with associated pricing information. See the MLN Matters article MM3620 for an explanation of these codes. That article is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3620.pdf> on the CMS web site.
- CMS had added Data Element 438-E3 (Incentive Amount Submitted) to the NCPDP Companion Document, in which suppliers should include the \$50.00 fee allowed by Medicare for G0369.
- For Data Element 451-EG (Compound Dispensing Unit Form Indicator), CMS has added the following values to the NCPDP Companion document:
 - 1 = each
 - 2 = gram
 - 3 = milliliters

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Implementation

Medicare will implement these changes on September 12, 2005.

Additional Information

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published a companion document to supplement the *NCPDP VERSION 5.1 BATCH TRANSACTION STANDARD 1.1 BILLING REQUEST For Exchanges With Medicare DMERCs*. These are revised instructions and the companion document are available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R579CP.pdf> on the CMS web site.

If you have questions please contact your DMERC at their toll free number, which can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.pdf> on the CMS web site.

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